



East West Rail

Pre-Bid Conference

June 20, 2018



Purpose and Need

To examine the feasibility of passenger rail service – up to and including high speed rail – from Boston to Springfield and Pittsfield, with the speed, frequency, and reliability necessary to be a competitive option for travel along this corridor.

Scope

- Task 1: Review all previous studies and efforts
- Task 2: Analyze the travel market
- Task 3: Document current physical and regulatory conditions
- Task 4: Identify potential service plans and alternatives
- Task 5: Evaluate alternatives identified in Task 4
- Task 6: Comprehensive cost estimation
- Task 7: Develop framework for next steps
- Task 8: Stakeholder and Public Involvement

Timeframe and Cost

- Consultants will complete the study within **18 months** of the Notice to Proceed
- \$1 million budget

- **RFP Release of Date:** June 12, 2018
- **Written Inquiries Due:** June 18, 2018
- **Written Answers to Inquiries:** June 27, 2018
- **Close Date:** July 9, 2018 at 3:00 PM

Questions

- Extension on close date for respondents?
- Rate caps, fees and audits
- Finding relevant technical information and previous studies
- Access to Right of Way